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SUBJECT: GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S KIDNAPPING

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- KIDNAPPERS
1. PUBLICATION ~~KIDNAPPERS~~ MANIFESTO IN TODAY'S PRESS,
SIGNED (LIKE NOTE LEFT AT TIME OF KIDNAPPING) BY COMANDO JUAREZ
GUIMARES DE BRITO OF VANGUARDE POPULAR REVOLUCIONARIA (VPR)
AND ACAO LIBERTADORA NACIONAL (ALN), REPRESENTS GOB ACCESSION
TO FIRST OF THEIR DEMANDS (TEXT OF MANIFESTO BEING TRANSMITTED
SEPARATELY). MANIFESTO CONFIRMS LAMARCA'S ROLE IN KIDNAPPING
AND SETS FORTH IN DETAIL GOALS OF HIS MOVEMENT. HE ENUMERATES
VARIOUS ALLEGED ACTS OF REPRESSION OF BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT,
FURNISHING NAMES OF MEN TORTURED TO DEATH, AND NOTES SARCASTICALLY
THAT GOVERNMENT'S DENIAL OF TORTURE'S EXISTENCE IS CONTRADICTED
BY SUCH EMINENT PERSONALITIES AS DOM HELDER CAMARA, JEAN PAUL
SARTRE, EDWARD KENNEDY, AND POPE PAUL VI.
 2. MANIFESTO BOASTS THAT RECENTLY CONCLUDED COMBAT ACTION IN

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ACTION:

SAO PAULO STATE, IN WHICH LAMARCA ESCAPED DESPITE ENCIRCLEMENT BY SECURITY FORCES, PROVES GREAT POTENTIAL FOR RURAL GUERRILLA ACTION IN BRAZIL. EMPHASIZING NEED FOR UNITING REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS, ~~XXXX~~ IT CALLS FOR EXPANDED REVOLUTIONARY ACTION IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AS WELL AS IN URBAN CENTERS. IT THUS SEEMS TO BE STRESSING MOVEMENTS READINESS TO CARRY THE BATTLE TO THE COUNTRY-SIDE NOW. TERRORISTS MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS LAST YEAR, BUT SO FAR HAVE LACKED THE RESOURCES TO CHALLENGE THE MILITARY IN OPEN GUERRILLA WARFARE. QUESTIONABLE THAT THEY HAVE THE STRENGTH NOW:

3. VPR-ALN GOALS ARE SET FORTH IN MANIFESTO MORE SUCCINCTLY THAN IN PREVIOUS DOCUMENTS, AS FOLLOWS: (1) SUBSTITUTE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE FOR DICTATORSHIP, (2) ANNUL ALL DECREES AND ACTS OF FOREIGN DICTATORSHIP, (3) EXPROPRIATE LARGE ~~FOREIGN~~ FIRMS, (4) EXPROPRIATE LARGE LANDHOLDINGS, PROMOTING ~~THE~~ AGRARIAN REVOLUTION, (5) ~~XXXX~~ GUARANTEE WORKERS BROAD FREEDOM OF ORGANIZATION AND THOUGHT, ASSURE TO ALL THE RIGHT OF LIFE AND DEVELOPMENT, RESPECT RIGOROUSLY ~~THE~~ HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL BRAZILIANS, (6) MAINTAIN ~~THE~~ INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY IN DEFENSE OF NATIONAL INTERESTS, IN SOLIDARITY WITH ~~THE~~ ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE OF ALL ~~THE~~ PEOPLE.

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4. MANIFESTO IS A FAIRLY ADROIT PIECE OF PROPAGANDA. MOST OF IT RELATES SPECIFICALLY TO BRAZILIAN CONDITIONS WITH POPULAR GRIEVANCES DESCRIBED CONCRETELY AND IN DETAIL, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE INEVITABLY A FEW CASTRO-LIKE CLICHES ~~(XXXXXXXX)~~ (REFERENCES TO ROLE OF GREAT FOREIGN CAPITALISTS AND NEED FOR SOLIDARITY IN ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE). IT MAY AROUSE INTEREST AMONG SOME OF BRAZIL'S ALREADY POLITICALLY-CONSCIOUS YOUTH, BUT DOUBTFUL IT WILL ATTRACT BROAD SYMPATHETIC INTEREST AMONG POPULACE. ~~FOR~~ BRAZILIANS ARE PARTICULARLY SCANDALIZED OVER THIS KIDNAPPING INCIDENT. UNLIKE ~~XXXXXX~~ OTHER PREVIOUS KIDNAPPINGS, IT INVOLVED A COLD BLOOD KILLING OF A RANK-AND-FILE POLICEMAN AND THUS EVIDENCED TERRORISTS' INDIFFERENCE TO LOSS OF LIFE. IT ALSO OFFENDED BRAZILIAN NATIONAL PRIDE BY INVOLVING INNOCENT FOREIGNER, REPRESENTING AN ~~IMPORTANT~~ ~~IMPORTANT~~ COUNTRY, IN AN INCIDENT WHICH RISKED HIS LIFE. WHILE THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE, SENSITIVE BRAZILIANS ARE ESPECIALLY CONSCIOUS OF BRAZIL'S OVERSEAS IMAGE NOW AS RESULT REPRESSION CHARGES. WORLD CUP VICTORIES HAD JUST BEGUN TO REVIVE FLAGGING ESPRIT OF (FOOTBALL-CRAZY) BRAZILIANS WHEN THE KIDNAPPING

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5. GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTING CAPITALIZE TIMING BY PUBLICIZING REPORTS FROM GUADALAJARA DESCRIBING PELE AND HIS TEAM-MATES AS INFURIATED OVER KIDNAPPING AND COACH AS CONCERNED OVER EFFECT IT MAY HAVE ON BRAZILIAN SELECTION'S PLAY. GOB WILL ALSO TRY TO CAPITALIZE ON THIS INCIDENT BY ONCE AGAIN HIGHLIGHTING ITS READINESS TO GO TO EXTREME LIMITS TO HONOR OBLIGATIONS TO FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND GOVERNMENTS, (THIS POLICY WILL BE CONTRASTED IMPLICITLY WITH THAT OF ARGENTINA AND GUATEMALA). IN APPEAL TO BRAZILIAN PRIDE, GOB'S INSISTENCE ON MAINTAINING COUNTRY'S HONOR WILL BE CONTRASTED WITH TERRORISTS' READINESS TO RISK IT.

6. WHILE THERE WAS PROBABLY SOME GOB RELIEF THAT KIDNAPPERS DEMANDS WERE NOT WILDER, DECISION TO ACCEDE TO THEM MUST HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT THIS TIME IN VIEW: (1) MURDER OF GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S POLICE ESCORT; (2) LARGER NUMBER OF PRISONERS WHOSE RELEASE WAS DEMANDED, INCLUDING (UNDOUBTEDLY) TOP TERRORISTS ON LAMARCA TEAM ONLY RECENTLY CAPTURED; (3) TELLING

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ACTION:

NATURE OF SOME OF CRITICISM IN KIDNAPPERS' MANIFESTO, AND
HUMILIATION INVOLVED IN PUBLISHING THEIR BOASTFUL ACCOUNT OF
LAMARCA'S ESCAPE FROM ENCIRCLEMENT;

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LATTER CONDITION IS EXTREMELY

ONEROUS; HOW IT WILL BE SATISFIED REMAINS UNCLEAR AT PRESENT.

7. MEDICI UNDOUBTEDLY SUBJECT TO PRESSURE FROM SOME QUARTERS NOT
TO ACCEDE TO "HUMILIATING" DEMANDS. EMB HAS HEARD, FOR EXAMPLE,
SOME YOUNG
THAT ~~AMXX~~ OFFICERS IN CENIMAR (NAVAL INTELLIGENCE) WERE
ADVOCATING REFUSAL. GOB'S ACCEPTANCE OF THESE CONDITIONS SERVES
AS EVIDENCE ITS CONCERN FOR BRAZIL'S PRESTIGE ABROAD, RECENTLY
TARNISHED CONSIDERABLY BY REPRESSION STORIES.

8. WHILE PROSPECTS FOR AMBASSADOR'S RELEASE LOOK BETTER THIS
AFTERNOON, HE WILL NOT BE OUT OF WOODS UNTIL (1) PRISONERS
SELECTED BY KIDNAPPERS ARE BROUGHT OUT ALIVE AND (2) SATISFACTORY
ARRANGEMENTS ARE WORKED OUT TO HANDLE KIDNAPPERS' REPORTED DEMAND
FOR FREE RADIO TIME.

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